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WEDNESDAY EVE, JAN. 16, 1889

SENATOR FAYE, of Maine, was re-elected
United States Senator yesterday.

SENATOR HOAR, of Massachusetts, was
yesterday chosen United States Senator
for another term.

The Delaware legislature yesterday
voted a ballot for United States Senator
taken, resulting in the election of the Re-
publican, Anthony Higgins.

While we have been having rain and
wind and soft weather, some portions of
our vast domain are suffering from an
over-supply of the fiery. In New Mex-
ico the snow is from two to three feet
deep, and cattle are suffering for food.
Even the antelopes are dying from cold
and starvation.

ELECTORAL reform seems to have been
a favorite topic with the governors who
were inaugurated on Monday. Gov.
Fifer discussed it at length, and so did
Gov. Francis, of Missouri, but Gov.
Hoover, of Indiana, went more into de-
tails, and suggested methods of reform,
some of which are radical but practi-
cal and sensible.

The Louvon Post observes that the
indiscipline of Lord Sackville in the
matter of the Marchioness letter "does not
justify his inaction," and it may
also be said that Mr. Bayard's responsi-
bility is less than that of Mr. Cleveland,
who caused the foolish act to be com-
mitted for purely partisan purposes.

WILLIAM WALTER PARKER calls atten-
tion to the fact that the presidential
electors did not meet to cast their votes
until Monday of this week, and that this
accounts for Gen. Harrison's failure to
formally invite anybody to take a place
in his cabinet. Mr. Phelps thinks that
Gen. Harrison did not feel like making
any formal tender of cabinet places until
he was himself formally elected presi-
dent.

Gen. Harrison is credited with a re-
mark to the effect that the white Repub-
licans of the South would do well to
manifest a little more courage and vigi-
lance in protecting their rights. "It
seems to me, he is reported, I have said,
that the white vote is suppressed as
much as the colored vote," and the fact
is due, obviously, to a want of backbone
and self-reliance on the part of a class
that has not the excuse of ignorance and
former servitude for a tame submis-
sion.

They're Having a Time.

It is painful to see members of one
family "fall out, and chide, and fight,"
but this is just what the Democrats in
the lower house of Congress are doing
now. All but affecting the revenue are
of right considered by the committee on
Ways and Means, but yesterday Mr.
Cowles of North Carolina introduced a
bill to repeal the tobacco tax, and upon
its motion it was referred to the Com-
mittee on Appropriations. Thereupon
the statesmen of the Ways and Means
Committee grew wrathful, and Chairman
Miles is quoted as threatening to resign
from the committee unless the action of
yesterday is rescinded. But Mr. Cowles
says that "he don't give a d— whether
the committee like it or not. It suits
him and suits a majority of the House."

The action of the House in this matter
is by old parliamentarians to be un-
precedented, and there is really no
reason to anticipate serious party results.

The Democratic party never more
completely displayed its inability to rise
above the level of acting as the "opposi-
tion" than it has since the thunder gust
of November pointed out the route by
which the people desired it to travel. It
had been accustomed for so many years
to occupy seats in the rear that it began
to knock its own members down in its
hurry to get to the familiar scenes and
which it had so long enjoyed the felicitous
sport ofimitating the parrot and the
monkey. In other unseemly haste
to get there it affords good citizens addi-
tional cause for gratulation over the
fact which relegated it—let us hope for-
ever—to the rear end of the procession.

Chairman of Carnegie Bros. & Co.
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Henry Clay
Fricks of the Pittsburgh Company has
purchased the interest of David A. Stew-
art of the City of Pitts., and has been
elected chairman of Carnegie Bros. &
Co. limited.

Negro Laborers on a Strike.
JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 16.—One hundred
and fifty negro laborers employed by the
water-work company here struck for
an advance of fifty cents a day last week
and the company refuses to accede to
their demands.

Referred for Arbitration.
New Haven, Jan. 16.—The settle-
ment of the Brooklyn railroad difficulties
has been referred to the State Board of
Arbitration, and pending its decision the
men remain at work.

Class Sprinklers, Surpr. Holdings.
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—The large deal-
ers in sugar here say that Class Sprinklers
has secured the entire Phillipine
Islands sugar top for his Philadelphia
and San Francisco refineries.

Migrators for Senator from Delaware
DOVER, Del., Jan. 16.—The Repub-
licans of the Delaware legislature after
an all night session, yesterday morning
nominated Anthony Higgins for United
States Senator on the first ballot.

Postponed for Causes.
NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 16.—The pro-
posed national skating tournament for
this week has been postponed on account
of absence of ice in the Hudson.

Hotel Burned.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 16.—A tele-
phone message states that the Santa
Monica Hotel at Santa Monica was
burned yesterday.

The Sutro Tunnel Sale.
VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., Jan. 16.—The Sutro
tunnel was bid in by the tunnel company
at the foreclosure sale Monday for \$1,320,
000.

In a Bad Box.
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 16.—L. Blasdell
& Co., box-makers, have assigned Li-
abilities about \$25,000. Assets nearly that
amount.

Weak eyes and inflamed lids indicate
an impure condition of the blood. The
best remedy is Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It
restores the blood, regulates the secre-
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FROM WASHINGTON.

The Trouble in Samoa—An Im-
portant Communication from
the President.

Sundry Bills in Committee—General
Alger's Ambition—An Editor
Threatened by White Caps.

District Commissioner Webb's Confi-
dence Doubtful—The Nicaraguan
Canal Bill—Congressional

The Trouble in Samoa—A Communi-
cation from the President.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The President
yesterday sent to Congress a message,
accompanied by a mass of documents,
giving the status of affairs in Samoa
and the progress of affairs there. The
message is as follows:—

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